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The British Apollo:

OR,

Curious Amuſements for the INGENIOUS.

To which are Added the moſt

Material Occurrences Foreign and Domeſtick.

Perform'd by ſome of the Society of GENTLEMEN, *Concern'd in the Firſt and Second* VOLUME, *with the Aſſiſtance of other Ingenious* PERSONS.

From Monday November 27th. to Wednesday November 29th. 1710.

GENTLEMEN,

Q. *I Deſire to be inform'd at what time, and by what General Council, or other Authority, the Doctrine or Belief of our* Bleſſed Saviour's Incarnation *was firſt Introduced and Taught in the Church; for that I do not find any Command or Injunction for the ſame in Scripture.*

Yours, C. H.

A. The Word *Incarnation*, 'tis true, you do not find in the Scripture, but that which means the ſame Thing you may find in innumerable Places of it, particularily and more Expreſly in *John*, 1. 14. *The Word was made Fleſh*, which *Word*, he had ſaid before, *Ver.* 1. *was God.* To this Bold Man therefore that dares Queſtion the Fundamental Article of Chriſtianity, we Anſwer, that we profeſs to have no other Authority for the Belief of it but the Scripture it ſelf.

Q. Gentlemen, *No Body has a greater regard for your uſeful and Ingenious Undertaking than my ſelf; and that not meeting with* Numerous *Trains of encouragers is an ample demonſtration of the Vileneſs and Corruption of the Age we Live in. Perhaps there never occur'd to you any Caſe ſo very particularly baſe, horrid, and enormous as the ſubſequent Relation, or more Worthy of your candid Aſſiſtance. I affirm to you it is not Fictitious, but real and true in every particular of it. Therefore let me entreat you by the firſt Opportunity to inſert it in your* Britiſh Apollo, *with your Opinion what the Perſon injur'd can and ought to do by Law, with Parallel Inſtances, if poſſible; and alſo what the Perſons injuring ought to do in ſome meaſure to attone for ſo Flagitious an act, with whatever elſe you may judge neceſſary to relieve the Miſerable and Diſtreſs'd.*

A Gentleman of an Ancient Family in Berks, *ſends up a Daughter of his to a near Relation in* London, *an Old Gentlewoman of good Repute, the better to have her Inſtructed in ſome Accompliſhments, not eaſily acquired in the Country. The Young Lady was Beautiful and Innocent, perhaps exceeding any Body you may have known. But ſo it fatally happen'd, that a certain Nobleman, who has a Lady, and Children at Womens Eſtate, well Practis'd in Vice, found means to Addreſs himſelf to this Unhappy Lady. He did it under a borrow'd Name, pretending only to be a Man of* 5 *or* 600 l. per Annum. *and a Company in the* Marines. *His Letters and Viſits were daily repeated, ſo that in about* 4 *Months time, he obtains her Promiſe, to Marry him. The Day was appointed, and a Licenſe obtain'd, which only could be done by Perjury; however Married they were, in a Parochial Church, at the Hour of* 10, *and by an Eminent Doctor in Divinity (who certainly knew the Impoſtor) in the Preſence of two Officers, Cronies of the Lord, the one a Major General, who gave the Young Lady; which done, he carried her to* Greenwich, *and upon the fourth Day, a Fat Matron-like Woman well Dreſs'd, paid her a Viſit, being employ'd by the Impoſtor to reveal the Secret to her; who after a great deal of Reflection upon Man's Villainy and Luſtful Deluſions, lays open the Curſed Deceit, and Tenders Preſents and a Settlement, and ſince it was ſo, it could be help'd; the moſt Prudent way was to make the beſt of it. The Poor Young Lady, immediately fell into an inexpreſſible diſtracted Confuſion, forc'd her way out of the Houſe, went into the Country to her Heart-broken Friends, whoſe chief darling ſhe was, where ſhe ſtill remains ſighing out her Days in the utmoſt Grief. Your favor in this ſhall be acknowledg'd by,*

Yours, J. D.

A. It is ſome Conſolation to the Deſtreſſed, to ſee themſelves the Objects of Publick Pity and the Perſons, by whom they were injured, univerſally deſpiſed and hated. And it is in this only that we are capable of aſſiſting this Poor Lady, as we make her Caſe more Publickly known. For as

for the ſatisfaction that is proportionable to ſo great an Injury, or the Puniſhment that ſuch complicated Villany deſerves, our Judgment will ſignify nothing, ſince it will be ſuperſeded by the Authority of the Court. Nor does the Queriſt (we ſuppoſe) want to be informed, that by *Stat.* 1. *Jac.* 1. 11. a *Bigamist* ſhall ſuffer Death as a Felon, except he is admitted to his Clergy: And as for Inſtances of this kind, they are innumerable. In ſhort, the Law is open, and both out of a Compaſſionate concern for the Lady, and a Deteſtation of ſuch Barbarous Injuſtice, we cannot forbear Suggeſting, that Honor is no Protection for a Villain, and that, however the Lady may be ſatisfied by any Conſideration of Money, or of a Settlement, yet Juſtice does abſolutely require that ſuch Flagrant Crimes do not paſs without an exemplary Puniſhment.

Q. Gentlemen, *Do you think there is any thing in that common Saying*; A Green Chriſtmas makes a Fat Church-Yard?

A. We believe there is nothing in it; for we are inform'd by ſome Ancient People, that at *Chriſtmas* before the laſt great Plague, it was a hard, continued Froſt.

Q. Gentlemen, *Pray, tell me which I ſhall chooſe for a Wife, one that has Virtue, Beauty and ſome Money; or one that has Virtue, leſs Beauty and more Money? Your Anſwer will Oblige,*

Yours, PHILANDER.

A. Had you ſaid with leſs *Virtue*, Beauty and Money wou'd not the leaſt ſtand in Competition with it: But we think more Money, will make ſatisfaction for a little leſs Beauty, ſince a ſhort Habit will render that equal with more. And tho' Riches often make themſelves Wings and fly away, yet they are not Subject to ſo many unavoidable Irreparations as Beauty, which alſo certainly decays with Age, when Riches are often improv'd.

Q. Gentlemen, *I have for ſome time Courted a Rich Widow; but am under Apprehenſions of her making over her Eſtate, before Marriage, in which Caſe, I ſhall enjoy no more of it, than ſhe thinks fit, which may happen to be little enough. Such things have been, and may be again as I am Informed. I deſire your Opinion, what the conſequences will be in that Caſe, and whether it is a common Caſe, for Widows to do ſo, and whether her Truſty Friend ſhe makes her Eſtate over to can notwithſtanding my Marriage, keep me out of Poſſeſſion of the Eſtate, and you will Oblige,*

Your Friend and Servant, &c.

Pray, Anſwer this, in your next, and tell me how I may put a ſtop to ſuch her deſign, and whether if ſhe her ſelf enjoys it, I cannot enjoy it too on Marriage, be her Eſtate Real or Perſonal.

A. We will aſſure you it is Cuſtomary for Widows, in ſuch manner to ſecure themſelves, and when they have ſo made over their Eſtates in Truſt, it is out of the Husbands Power to diſpoſe of any part of it. And we have Reaſon to think it wou'd leſſen your Opinion of the Diſcretion of thoſe, who readily give up their certainty for an uncertainty. Yet your Caſe may not be ſo bad as to imagine it, for as faſt as ſhe actually receives the Income of it, you have a right to that, tho' you cannot diſpoſe of the Principal, while in her Truſtees Hands; and if ſhe Clandeſtinely makes over her Eſtate ſo, without your mutual Agreement, perhaps you will not be blam'd, if you uſe at Diſcretion, what ſhe receives. How different may we ſuppoſe the Style of your Addreſs to her, is from that to us! Her Perſon in that doubtleſs is the Principal Object of your attemps, while to us, it is not made ſo much as one Article of it. Strange, that Men ſhou'd uſe all their Rhetoric to perſuade a belief of that, which never once enters their Hearts to perform!

N. B. We receiv'd a Letter ſign'd *Torriſmond*, but not till the Day after he mention'd he ſhou'd be out of Town; when we hear he is return'd again, he may hear from us.

POEMS.

Q. *HA! ha! APOLLO, have I ſtung ye,*
But once again, I'll be among ye,
Oh how of late you ſtamp'd and ſtar'd, Sirs,
And moſt confoundedly was ſcar'd, Sirs,
Soon as you found your ſelves detected,
And th' Wiles expos'd you had projected.

Thus have I ſeen in Field of Peaſant,
A ſight diverting, Sirs, and Pleaſant,
Some gameſome Luſty Heifer, which
Gad Breeze had taken by the B——
Run friſking o'er the flow'ry Plain,
And bell'wing ſeek relief in vain.

Yet, hang it—— why ſhou'd Friends fall out,
Lets therefore make no farther Rout,
But quite forgetting Quarrels paſt
Be fairly reconcil'd at laſt.

So ſhall't no more by me be ſaid
That Great APOLLO writes for Bread,
Nor ſhall you prove that I poor Sinner!
In Cellar wail the want of Dinner.

And thus, Sirs, having made Propoſal,
With which, Meſſieurs, I hope you'll cloſe all;
I ſend a Query (here d'ye ſee't)
To help fill up your Weekly Sheet.
Shew then——
Why when o'er Night good Merry Fellows,
Have ſung old roſe and Burn the Bellows,
And ſpent the time in Deep Carouſes
Unmindfull of neglected Spouſes,
And puſh'd the Glaſs ſo far in fine, Sirs
That Reaſon truckled to the Vine, Sirs,

Shew

Shew whence the Cuſtom firſt was brought, Sirs,
From each next Morn' to Claim a Groat, Sirs,

OROTEUS.

A. Sure you're the only Inſtance, Nature
E'er made ſuch a Fantaſtick Creature:
Whoſe Head (unworthy further Pains)
She fill'd with Vapours, 'ſtead of Brains;
The Fountain whence theſe Whims ariſe,
And mount like Vapours to the Skies,
It talks of Goddeſſes and Gods,
As if accquainted with their Nods:
Comes to our Alter too, more rough,
Than thoſe, are chang'd with wiſer Stuff:
Nay talks of Quarrels hap'd between us
'S if any had Familiar ſeen us.

(This Wight as we inform'd you lately)
March'd forth of Tavern Door moſt ſtately:
In Queſt of *Fire*, why *Widow* highr,
By Mortals left 'thout Heat or Light:
Altho' in truth his only care,
Was to inform he had been there?
Where being regal'd with Snuffs of Stum,
He Pump'd but'las no Wit could come;
But now to make his Thoughts the Quicker,
He comes inſpir'd with Porters Liquor;
As plain appears, by th' Phraſe you tell us,
Since only us'd among ſuch Fellows.
Now we who ſee all things, muſt know too,
All Circumſtances, high and low too;
And ſince impartially we Shine,
On Wiſer Heads, and ſuch as thine;
For once we will reſolve——pray hear ye:
The matter in your Doughty Query.

A Place call'd *Bromegen* by Name,
Had once a *Mint*, of wondrous Fame;
Where *Iron Bars* of little worth,
Long Bags of *Silver-groats* brought forth;
That is (take me not up to faſt)
Such as (thoſe times) for Silver Paſt:
Now all (you know) who work in Metal,
Whether on Guineas, or on Kettle,
By heat of Fire' are made ſo Thirſty,
That they muſt Drink, or elſe, they muſt Die.
The *Bromegens* they being Topers,
Natives, as well as Interlopers;
Impos'd this Mulct on one another,
For the Reverſe, of being Sober;
Not that they fancy'd by this *Rino*
They'd ſeldomer be Drunk——O fy, no:
For ſuch a Groat when they were *In*,
Was ſcarce the value of a Pin;
But politickly by this Faſhion,
To make 'em Circulate in the Nation.
The Whim ſo well look on this Score,
That they who ne'er were Drunk before,
In flowing Bumpers wou'd conteſt,
To carry on next Mornings jeſt;
And thus their Groats went off amain,
Others the *Jeſt*, They had the *Gain*.

APOLLO,

Q. *Youth has Charms, and ſo has Gold,*
But what has the Poor and Old;
Tho' I'm Young, and Gold my Slave,
Such a Man, I think to have.
Since he has no Pow'r to warm,
Tell me wherein lies the Charm;
Why ſhou'd he my Thoughts Bewitch,
To decline the Young and Rich.

SILVIA.

A. If this be more than a Joke,
Sure you take him for a Cloak:
Or incurr'd ſome Crime that's Great,
Which you thus wou'd expiate;
Hoping, mortify'd by this,
You'll attone for what's amiſs;
But, ah *Silvia*, have a care,
This we fear will more Inſnare;
And by ſuch Relief you'll run,
Greater Risks to be undone.

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SIR,

THE Letters from Dantzick Nov. 15. Adviſe that laſt Advices from Petersbourg tell us the Czar of Muſcovy continued there the 30th paſt, without having fixed a Time for his Departure for Riga, which Journey was thought to be retarded by the raging of the Plague in thoſe Parts; That Great Rejoycings had been made at Petersbourg for the Reduction of Revel, where 'tis ſaid, 1500 Soldiers and 9000 Burghers died of the Plague during the Siege; That the Day of Marriage of the Prince of Courland with the Czar's Niece, was fixed to be at Petersbourg the 10th Inſtant; That Count Stromberg, formerly Governour of Riga, had obtained the Czar's Leave to go to Stockholm, to ſollicit his own Exchange and that ſome other Sweediſh General-Officers for Muſcovites who have been long detained Priſoners in Sweeden; That the King of Poland has reſolv'd to ſtay here, till he hears the Czar is on the Road for Riga, where they are to have an Interview: Mean while Prince Repnin has provided Lodgings there for his Czarian Majeſty, and has publickly notifyed, that his Czarian Majeſty, will contribute

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all that is in his Power to make Commerce flouriſh there, that the Ancient Cuſtoms ſhall not be augmented, and that all Goods uſually exported from thence ſhall paſs, except Timber, which the Muſcovites would refere for building Ships; and that the King of Poland, who has frequent Conferences here with the Nobility of the Kingdom, has already agreed with them, the Reparition of Winter-Quarters for the Saxon Troops, and Part of thoſe of Muſcovy.

Which is all from Yours, &c.

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